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Party Activities

- Requirements for admission to the Chinese Communist Party in the Amoy-Swatow area are very rigid; therefore, the number of Party members in this area is small. The Amoy Communist Party Committee had 500 members in 1949, 1,200 members in June 1950, and 1,250 members in February 1953.¹ The Swatow Communist Party Committee had 800 members in 1949, 1,500 members in June 1950, and 1,600 members in May 1953.¹
- There are a number of Party youth organizations in the Amoy-Swatow area. These organizations have a military character. On 1 October 1952 at Amoy about 15,000 members of these youth groups participated in a parade. About 6,000 of these came from Amoy and the rest from cities in southern Fukien. A similar number participated in the army day parade of 1 August 1953. Communist women's organizations in Amoy have about 3,000 members and those in Swatow have about 5,000 members. Women members under the age of 30 must participate in military training.

Education and Government

- The Chinese Communists have done much to promote primary education in the Swatow-Amoy area. Reading classes are held in the most remote areas. The number of middle schools has been decreased, however, since many of the schools have been merged. Students who go north for college education generally are assigned to other areas after graduation. Only non-Communists with poor records at college are allowed to return. A number of professors at Amoy University and at the South China College in Swatow have been transferred to colleges in the north.
- All judicial administrative, and public security organizations in the Amoy-Swatow area are prepared to move their offices to the hinterland if a mass evacuation of the coast is necessary.

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Industry and Power

5. There are no large factories in the Amoy-Swatow area. Swatow factories such as the Kwangtung Steel Factory, the Chiehyang Sugar Refinery, and the Chiehho Iron and Steel Works have large plants, but most of their machinery has been moved to the north. Equipment in the power plants in the Amoy-Swatow area has been maintained in good condition, but no new equipment has been installed. The power supply for industrial and public use in the Amoy-Swatow area is inadequate.

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1. [] Comment. These figures were arrived at on the basis of attendance at municipal Party conferences in 1949, 1950, and 1953, when one delegate represented 50 Party members.

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